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Dear Mr. Braxton:

On Tuesday, April 14, 1987, we met with Dave Wham and representatives of Amax Magnesium to discuss their proposed solar evaporation pond system near Knolls. The meeting focused on reclamation requirements when the right-of-way is eventually relinquished. Since this project has a life of at least 10 to 15 years, Amax will submit a reclamation plan near the end of the project, not at the beginning as is usually done. This provides for a more accurate determination of reclamation needs.

We will, however, require the following to be included in any reclamation plan.

- 1. All buildings, foundations, and utility poles will be removed from the site.
- 2. The fabric liner from the reservoir cell will be removed from the site.
- 3. The inlet canal from the West Pond will be completely filled with material.
- 4. All haul roads west of the USPCI road will be ripped, water barred, and reseeded.
- 5. All disturbed areas, having more than 5% vegetation cover prior to the project, will be reseeded.

Specific reclamation requirements for the dikes have not been determined at this time. Of particular concern are the Pond 7 complex dikes and the out dike. If in Pond 7, a significant amount of salt accumulates to make salt extraction economical, the dikes would remain in place to aid in recovery. However, if salt extraction is uneconomical, the dikes would be lowered and contoured to blend in with the surrounding area. The outer dike would also be lowered and contoured, depending upon visibility from the highway. Other interior dikes may need to be breached to aid in surface drainage.

If we can answer any additional questions or be of any further assistance, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely yours,

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